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Alabama Native Returns Home as Tuskegee National Forest District Ranger

(Montgomery, Ala.) March 2, 2010 – For Darrius Truss, a 15-year U.S. Forest Service veteran, returning home is a dream come true. A native of Monroeville, Ala., Truss was selected as the new district ranger of the Tuskegee National Forest. He has been on the job for over a month, providing district oversight of multiple use management, protection and restoration.

According to Miera C. Nagy, U.S. Forest Service supervisor for Alabama's national forests, Truss is responsible for the Tuskegee District's management of staff who work together to manage recreation, fire, special uses, wildlife, and timber programs on approximately 11,252 acres of public lands.

Truss was hired with the Forest Service at the age of 22 as a trainee ecologist. He has served as a soil scientist in national forests located in South Carolina, Kentucky and Georgia. Truss also held acting positions as a deputy forest manager, equal employment opportunity training specialist, cooperative fire protection specialist and district ranger. The acting positions in which he served were located in national forests in Alabama and South Carolina and the Forest Service Regional Office in Atlanta, Georgia.

Truss earned a bachelor of science degree in environmental science in 1997 from Alabama

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A&M University in Normal, Alabama. “It’s certainly a blessing to be able to come back to ‘Sweet Home Alabama,’” Truss said. “I really look forward to building positive, community partnerships in Macon and surrounding counties. Collaboration with the community will hopefully promote public involvement in the management of the Tuskegee National Forest and encourage the public to learn about natural resource conservation and restoration”

Truss is married with two sons. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. He assumes responsibility of the Tuskegee National Forest that is popular to a variety of outdoor recreation activities including hunting, fishing, hiking, target shooting and primitive camping. For more information contact the Tuskegee District office at 334-727-2652.

Photo Enclosed

(Darrius Truss, U.S. Forest Service Tuskegee district ranger in Tuskegee, Ala.)